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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Ronald D. Larson

Application No.: 09/172,389

Filing Date: 10/14/98

Title: A Method and Apparatus for Updating a Hierarchical Z Buffer

Confirmation No.:

Examiner: Nguyen, K.

Group Art Unit: 2671

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- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
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TOTAL CLAIMS	20	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$80	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$270	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$390.00	3RD MONTH \$890.00	4TH MONTH \$1390.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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THIRD RESPONSE

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Sir:

In regard to the Final Office Action of June 22, 2001 (Paper No. 9), Applicant submits the following proposed amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett Packard Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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